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Early week prices were lower on all sizes in all locations except New York where prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices were lower on the larger sizes in New York and unchanged in all other areas. The market tone was mostly steady to instances barely steady. Demand in all channels continued light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to ample. Breaking stock prices and undergrade prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with graded loose eggs becoming more available. Demand was usually light as most breakers reporting fully adequate to heavy inventories. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with a moderate to fairly good demand. Rendering facilities were running at maximum capacities as many birds are moved in advance of previous schedules. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 4-10 cents, mostly 4.5-9 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for planned feature activity. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the usually light demand. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	39-48	42-45
LARGE	38-47	40-43
MEDIUM	33-42	35-38
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however the larger sizes were trending lower. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances barely steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48-62	48-51
LARGE	42-56	47-51
MEDIUM	37-50	41-44
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	56.00	55.00	44.00
SOUTHEAST	57.50	55.50	44.00
MIDWEST	50.50	48.50	39.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	56.50	55.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	55.14	53.67	42.45

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	04-25-06	04-18-06	04-26-05
Large	20-29	27-36	26-35
Medium	15-21	18-24	15-21

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- APRIL 24, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.8	17.0	9.5	14.3	12.7	64.3
	Change	-1.9	-3.1	1.1	-0.9	-0.4	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.1	66.4	14.5	19.4	31.0	152.4
	Change	-2.9	14.2	7.3	1.9	-5.5	11%
Large	Curr Wk	43.8	192.0	77.3	83.2	113.0	509.3
	Change	9.4	61.9	19.7	12.9	1.0	26%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.0	40.3	13.4	18.9	25.2	109.8
	Change	1.2	2.1	1.5	0.7	-2.1	3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	11.6	0.5	5.9	4.8	27.8
	Change	1.5	4.1	0.3	-0.2	-4.9	3%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.6	34.2	8.8	11.4	3.8	61.8
	Change	-2.6	2.0	1.4	-1.1	-1.3	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.9	52.6	24.9	28.2	23.0	152.6
	Change	5.2	6.6	5.4	4.6	-0.6	16%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	120.2	414.1	148.9	181.3	213.5	1078.0
	Change	9%	27%	33%	11%	-6%	15%

TOTAL	Number of		Percent	Number of
	Cases		Change	Cooperators
Shell Egg	1078.0	15%		167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	253.3	-5%		35
Total Shell Egg	1331.3	10%		202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 22-APR-06(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,303,271	32,803	11,908	6,248	2,974	4,415
PW	1,258,534	31,603	12,109	5,887	2,883	4,438
LY	1,313,882	31,850	12,597	6,829	2,371	4,300
% Chg PWK	4%	4%	-2%	6%	3%	0%
% Chg LY	-1%	3%	-5%	-9%	25%	3%
2006	20,253,865	501,251	188,896	102,360	45,785	69,231
2005	20,284,063	483,931	198,744	106,604	44,385	70,337
% Chg YTD	0%	4%	-5%	-4%	3%	-2%
Average Yield Per Case -						
		Current	Previous	Last		
		Week	Week	Year		
(Inedible Included)		42.49	42.94	42.30		
(Inedible Excluded)		39.10	39.41	39.03		

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs. % of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	611,779	46.9%	16,683	50.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	604,980	48.1%	16,329	51.7%
LAST YEAR	530,800	40.4%	14,379	45.1%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	APR 15	APR 22	APR 15	APR 22
	Thousand			
AL	31,147	30,175	*21,403	20,806
AR	30,364	30,234	*23,131	23,462
DE	3,466	3,726	*4,918	4,638
FL	1,344	1,352	1,531	1,428
GA	35,257	34,747	27,919	29,050
KY	7,339	7,004	6,263	6,260
LA	4,136	4,000	3,811	4,139
MD	*8,844	8,824	*5,347	5,910
MS	18,004	18,172	16,394	16,394
NC	*18,573	19,093	*14,787	15,281
OK	6,650	6,614	5,683	4,877
PA	*4,351	4,011	*2,690	2,899
SC	4,959	5,205	4,582	4,286
TX	15,059	14,984	11,458	12,810
VA	6,552	6,445	5,462	5,375
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,244	18,037	*16,598	16,791
19 State Total	*214,289	212,623	*171,977	174,406
Previous Year Total	215,452	215,123	176,765	175,439
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	97	99

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 03-Jun-06 is estimated at 161.9 million head. This compares to 160.7 million head the previous week and to 165.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.69 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/20/06-04/26/06

CURRENT LDS 95.75 FUTURE LDS 59.50 TOTAL LDS 155.25

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	24.50	33.00	25.33	26.86	—	—	9.00
GNR W 3	—	27.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	38.75	40.00	37.09	—	5.25
GL W XL	—	38.82	36.70	35.59	33.37	—	59.25
GL W LG	—	40.00	36.50	36.00	29.61	31.00	20.50
GL W MD	37.00	32.40	31.42	32.57	23.00	—	12.00
GL W SM	22.83	26.17	21.63	24.00	17.00	—	9.00
GL BR XL	—	—	31.00	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75
NRBS - 48	20.00	21.00	—	23.00	24.24	24.81	63.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	19.67	3.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	17.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-APR-2006

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	25.4	40.9	-38	9
Boston	3.2	3.7	-14	3
Chicago	62.5	110.3	-43	0
Detroit	25.1	23.3	8	31
Kansas City	7.7	5.4	43	-9
Los Angeles	113.2	137.2	-17	-17
New Orleans	6.0	7.3	-18	-15
New York	29.4	33.1	-11	-3
St. Louis	14.6	17.5	-17	-6
San Francisco	17.3	21.6	-20	-5
Total	304.4	400.3	-24	-6
4 Week Moving Avg.	353.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 22-APR-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,043	2,469	57	2	4,571
Avg Wt	17.40	38.51	32.95	40.20	29.01
Last week	1,838	2,164	28	6	4,036
Same wk yr ago	1,646	2,639	15	1	4,301
Avg Wt	16.19	37.89	25.55	31.40	29.54
To-date/2006	28,730	39,277	386	91	68,484
To-date/2005	24,807	40,294	370	50	65,521

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 22-APR-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT
North East	737	23	24.55	(A) 738 24.55
South Atlantic	749	26	32.29	(A) 750 32.29
North Central	2,054	5	33.29	(A) 2,054 33.29
South Central	703	14	18.80	(A) 703 18.80
West	326	21	26.46	(A) 326 26.46
U.S. total	4,569(B)	13	29.01	2 4,571 29.01
To-date				
2006	68,393(B)		91	68,484
To-date				
2005	65,471(B)		50	65,521

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 57,000; for the current year to date 386,000; for last year to date 370,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 22-APR-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	163,490	1,208	1,385	2,593	554
Avg Wt	5.40	3.21	8.07	5.81	6.80
Last week	154,312	1,018	1,333	2,351	498
Same wk yr ago	161,112	1,651	1,466	3,117	479
Avg Wt	5.33	3.30	8.07	5.54	6.75
To-date/2006	2,568,970	19,174	22,922	42,096	8,175
To-date/2005	2,508,776	24,380	21,289	45,669	8,075

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.5 million head, or 1.1 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Apr-06

CLASS	CW - 04/29/06(1)	PW - 04/22/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	162,882(2)	158,541
Light hens	1,166	1,171
Heavy hens	1,418	1,456
Total	165,466	161,168

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Apr-06 is 166.2 million head compared to 164.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.2 million head or 3.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 06-May-06 the estimated available is 166.7 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
March 18	164.3	164.3	100%	5.31
25	164.1	164.9	100%	5.36
April 1	163.8	164.9	99%	5.28
8	164.6	163.5	101%	5.34
15	156.2	163.2	96%	5.35
22	165.5	164.4	101%	5.4
Year to date	2600.3	2613.9	99%	
April 29		166.2		
May 6		166.7		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 24-APR-2006 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	46.00-49.00	49.30	37 :	49.78	68
Los Angeles	75.00	72.41	67 :	68.47	153
New York	48.00-51.00	49.96	23 :	53.60	66

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

24-APR-2006	Change from 17-APR-2006	17-APR-2006	25-APR-2005
58.77	.13	58.64	73.02
NUMBER OF LOADS	579		

MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Month	Weighted Average	Loads
April	58.91	2262.00

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	WT	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	71 71.00 40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	- - -
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	- - -

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	69-71	71 71.00 40
CENTRAL REGION	69-71	- - -
WESTERN REGION	69-71	- - -

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 04/24/06	3,376	79,674	66,464
AM 04/01/06	3,393	81,033	64,881
CHG	-17	-1359	1583
PCT CHG	-1%	-2%	2%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 24-APR-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.08
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.02

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

21-APR-06	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE
Eastern	4-12
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	4-10

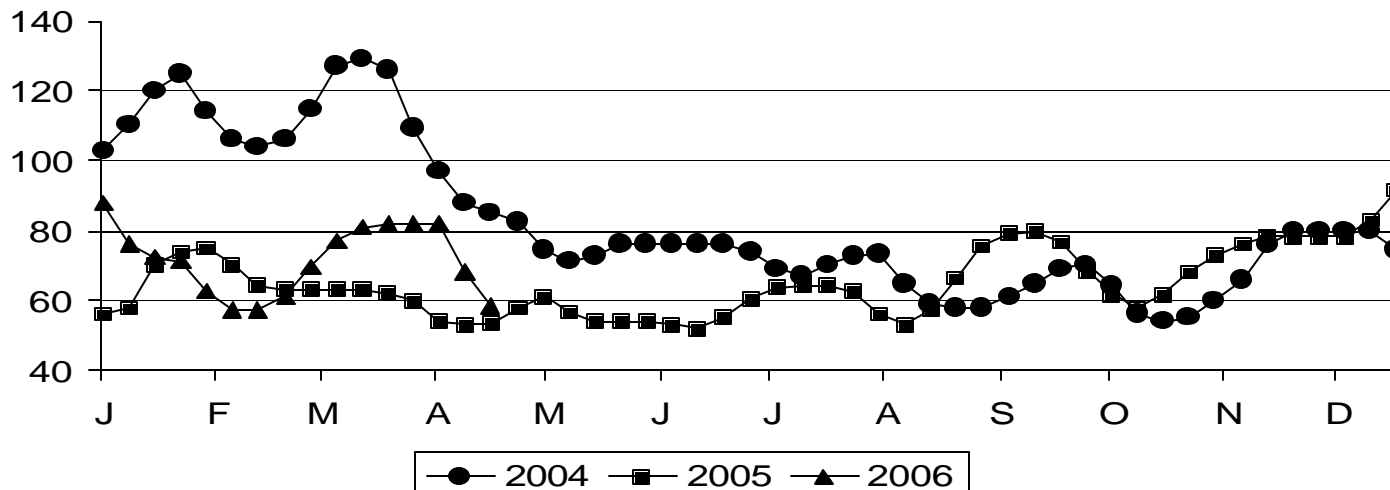
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

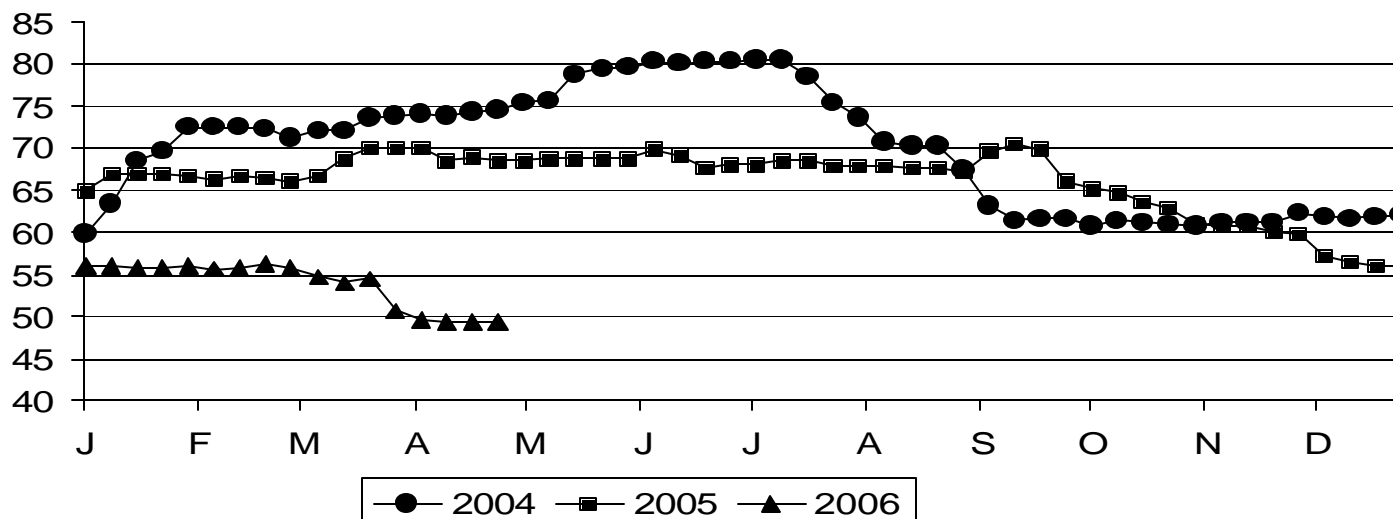
W/E 22-APR-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW LY
North Atlantic	211.5	-2 -1
East North Central	584.7	-10 6
West North Central	295.1	-9 6
South Atlantic	187.5	-6 -1
South Central	53.3	-1 -24
West	181.3	-19 -14
Total	1513.4	-9 0
Matched Plants reporting		84 84

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

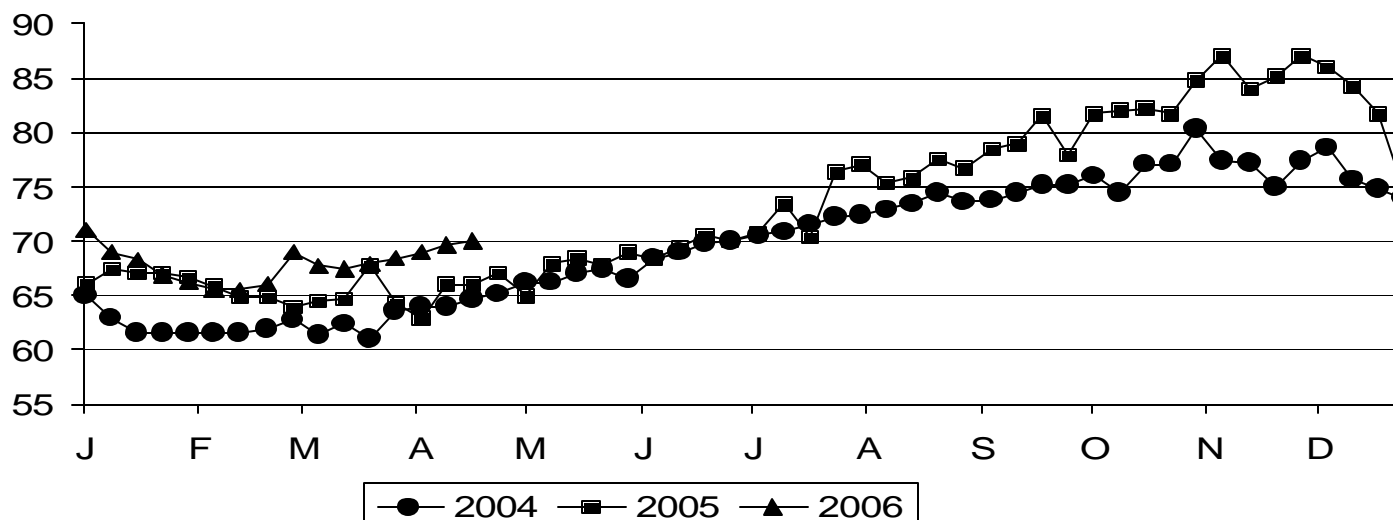
New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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